

EDITOR'S LETTER.

The Editor regrets exceedingly that owing to serious illness in her own home she was suddenly recalled just when "the Plant" should have been going to press, hence this delay. In order to expedite matters no proofs have been sent to those who have so kindly contributed to this number, as it is hoped thereby to save at least a week. Please will all kind contributors accept this intimation of the Editor's gratitude for the material sent in; it has been impossible under the circumstances to write to each individually.

It has been brought to the Editor's notice that there are several students who really cannot afford the annual subscription either to the "Parent's Review" or to "The Plant." Several students have offered to lend both regularly, if those who would care to see them thus, would kindly write to the Editor, who would do her best to arrange the matter to everyone's satisfaction. It seems ten thousand pities that these means of association and communication should be denied to any of us.

It had been hoped to include in this number an account of the Nature Study Exhibition held in London in August, at which the Ambleside Nature Note Books gained a bronze medal, but this must be deferred until the winter term.

No "Budget Gleanings" have been sent in to the Editor's great regret. She hopes that the *last person* on every list before they return to Miss Hodgson will be so very kind as to extract the plums from the cake for her. Need it be said that if that course is preferred they shall be strictly anonymous? No "Games" have come to hand either. Will brilliant and imaginative students, or students who have brilliant and imaginative children, think of those who live in that outer darkness where there is "nothing to do."

All contributions for the next number should be forwarded to

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